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Research Appointments

University of Warwick

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, 2017-.

Princeton University

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, 2016-2017.

Education

Columbia University

Ph.D. 2016 Economics

J.D. 2010 Law

University of Amsterdam

LLM 2010 International Criminal Law

University of Texas at Austin

B.A. 2007 Plan II Honors, Economics, Government, and Philosophy

Research Interests

Law and Economics, Political Economy, Applied Microeconomics, Machine Learning

Publications

“Elections and divisiveness: Theory and evidence” (with Massimo Morelli and Richard Van Weelden), *Journal of Politics* (forthcoming 2017).

“New Policing, New Segregation: From Ferguson to New York” (with Jeffrey Fagan), *Georgetown Law Journal* (forthcoming 2017).

“Intrinsic motivation in public service: Theory and evidence from state supreme courts” (with Bentley MacLeod), *Journal of Law and Economics* (November 2015).

“On the behavioral economics of crime” (with Frans van Winden), *Review of Law and Economics*, vol. 8 no. 12 (June 2012).

Working Papers

“The political economy of tax laws in the U.S. states” (job market paper).

“The performance of elected officials: Evidence from state supreme courts” (with Bentley MacLeod).

“Sequential decision-making with group identity” (with Jessica Van Parys).

“The impacts of legal schools of thought” (with Daniel Chen and Suresh Naidu).

“Religious freedoms, church-state separation, and religiosity: Evidence from randomly assigned judges” (with Daniel Chen).

“Aging and retirement in a high-skill group: The case of state supreme court judges” (with Bentley MacLeod).

“Local public finance and discriminatory policing: Evidence from traffic stops in Missouri” (with Jeffrey Fagan and Allison Harris).

“Property taxes and local labor markets: Evidence from staggered property reassessments.”

“The making of international tax law: Empirical evidence from treaty text” (with Omri Marian).

Grants

Columbia Program for Economic Research Seed Grant (with Suresh Naidu), “Laws, Contracts, and Performance: Evidence from Collective Bargaining Agreements,” \$6,500 (2014–2015) (resulting in NSF Grant SES-1459932, \$160,000).

Columbia PER Seed Grant (with Bentley MacLeod), “Employment Conditions and Judge Behavior,” \$6,000 (2012–2013) (resulting in NSF Grant SES-1260875, \$228,000).

Columbia Experimental Lab in the Social Sciences Research Grant (with Jessica Van Parys), “Bayesian Communication with Group identity,” \$1,000 (2013).

Fellowships and Awards

Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (2017)

Research Fellowship, Columbia University Department of Economics (2015–2016)

C. Lowell Harriss Dissertation Fellowship, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (2014–2015)

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (2011–2014)

Faculty Fellowship, Columbia University Department of Economics (2010–2011, 2014–2015)

Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, Columbia Law School (2008–2010)

Teaching Appointments

International Max Planck Research School

Instructor, Economics and Machine Learning (Summer 2017)

New York University. Center for Data Science

Project Advisor, Machine Learning and Computational Statistics (Spring 2017)

Columbia University. Department of Economics

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Master of Arts Thesis Course (Spring/Summer 2017)

Instructor, Law and Economics (undergraduate) (Summer 2014)

TA, Perspectives on Economic Studies (PhD), Profs. Joe Stiglitz and Jeff Sachs (Spring 2013)

TA, Political Economy (undergraduate), Prof. Massimo Morelli (Fall 2012)

Software Development

Free Law Project (courtlister.com)

Columbia Econ TextLab (textlab.econ.columbia.edu)

Referee Service

Journal of Public Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics

Seminar and Conference Presentations

2017: Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics (discussant), American Law and Economics Association, Princeton CSDP Conference on Real-World Impacts of Legal Text (organizer), Israel Law and Economics Association, Princeton Public Law Working Group, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture, Northwestern University Colloquium on Law and Economics, ETH Zurich Center for Law & Economics

2016: Bocconi University Department of Economics, Princeton Center for Study of Democratic Politics, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies in Europe, American Law and Economics Association

2015: Southern Economics Association, Georgetown Symposium on Race and Policing, Columbia Frontiers of Urban Economics Conference, NYU Colloquium on Law, Economics, and Politics, American Political Science Association, Society of Labor Economists, Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics, American Law and Economics Association, Princeton CSDP Workshop on the Political Economy of Bureaucrats

2014 and earlier: Latin-American Workshop in Law and Economics, NBER Law and Economics Summer Institute, LSE-NYU Conference on Political Science and Political Economy, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, American Law and Economics Association, International Atlantic Economic Conference, Heidelberg "Beyond the Economics of Crime" Conference

Expert Testimony

Statistical Analysis for DOJ Civil Rights Investigation into Ferguson Police Department, 207-42-6 (2015).

Professional Licenses

Attorney at Law, State of New York (2010-)

Administrative Service

Organizer, Columbia University Political Economy Seminar (2013-2014).

President, Columbia University Association of Graduate Economics Students (2012-2013).

Undergraduate Curriculum Adviser, Columbia Economics Department (2011-2014).

Representative, Columbia Law School Student Senate (2007-2009).

References

W. Bentley MacLeod (dissertation sponsor), Professor of Economics, Law, and International/Public Affairs, Columbia University, +1 (310) 571-5083, bentley.macleod@columbia.edu

Suresh Naidu, Assistant Professor of Economics and International/Public Affairs, Columbia University, +1 (212) 854-0027, sn2430@columbia.edu

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Advisees

Yisehak Abraham, Research Scholar, Harvard University

Jakob Brounstein, PhD Candidate in Economics, UC Berkeley

Gohar Harutyunhan, PhD Candidate in Management, Rutgers Business School.

Shawn Shi, PhD Candidate in Accounting, Stanford Graduate School of Business

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